



*The Yuba River is a haven for recreationists of all types.*

**Award Amount**  
\$192,300

**Watershed**  
Yuba River Watershed

**County**  
Yuba County

**CALFED Region**  
Sacramento Valley Region

**Legislative Districts**  
US Congress: 2 and 4  
State Assembly: 3  
State Senate: 4

## **Purpose**

Develop a community-based planning process and strategy for economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable natural resource and habitat management practices in the lower Yuba River Watershed.

## **Project Goals**

- Develop a comprehensive, detailed plan to coordinate and facilitate acquisition of priority land and conservation easements from willing sellers.
- Conduct public participation and outreach to inform the local community about conservation of important heritage lands along the Yuba River.

## **Benefits to the CALFED Program**

*According to the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP), the Yuba River is one of the most important ecological management units in the Feather River Ecological Management Zone. The river supports highly valued populations of steelhead trout, resident rainbow trout, and fall-run Chinook salmon. The lower Yuba River also supports a seasonal American shad sport fishery. By protecting and conserving riparian areas in the lower Yuba River watershed, this project will help to ensure the survival of these highly valued species. In furthering the restoration of this ecosystem, this project also helps to protect water quality for beneficial uses.*

## Project Overview

According to growth projections for the Central Valley, population growth in the lower Yuba River Watershed is rapidly accelerating. While this population growth creates new economic opportunities, it also creates new challenges for managing natural resources—particularly for managing sensitive aquatic and wildlife habitat and water quality. Pressures to convert open space and working agricultural landscapes are increasing and will likely continue to do so.

The Yuba River Conservancy (YRC) is a collaborative alliance of public agencies, private organizations, businesses, landowners, and other citizens. The YRC is dedicated to conserving and restoring wildlife, aquatic and terrestrial habitats, and public access and recreation in the lower Yuba River Watershed. The YRC has begun a collaborative community-based planning process to identify high priority lands and riparian areas for protection and restoration through acquisition of habitat lands, conservation and agricultural easements, and conservation management practices. A key principle in this endeavor is that any land transactions planned or contemplated will be done only with willing sellers.

The goals of this YRC project include improving water quality in the Yuba River and Bay-Delta and enhancing ecosystem functions and terrestrial and aquatic habitats along the lower Yuba River corridor. The project supports sustainable and diverse plant and animal species as well as other beneficial uses, including agriculture and drinking water supplies. YRC is focusing this planning process on the lower Yuba River Watershed. Key members engaged in land acquisition and management are operating in the context of a watershed approach to their decisions and actions.



*Daguerre Point Dam and the Yuba Goldfields in flood.*

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